Abstract: A method for milking animals, particularly domesticated dairy animals, and most particularly dairy cattle, that improves milk/food sanitation, labor and cost efficiency, environmental friendliness, and throughput, that uses a wet prep, reduces both interactions with the animal being milked and delays between steps during which recontamination of teats can happen. The best method comprises the steps of sanitizing the animal's teats, then without drying or removing the sanitizing composition priming the animal's teats, followed by attaching a feeder tube to a milking machine to each teat, and completing the milking.